

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:152
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FUNDS FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the state of research and development in the agriculture sector at present;
- (b) whether the Government are aiming at a four per cent growth in this sector;
- (c) if so, the funds required for this purpose; and
- (d) the steps being taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR)

(a) to (d) : A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE STARRED QUESTION NUMBER 152 TO BE ANSWERED ON 7TH MARCH, 2001 IN THE LOK SABHA.

(a) At present the National Agricultural Research System comprising of 47 Central Institutes, 5 National Bureaux, 30 National Research Centres, 11 Project Directorates, 80 All India Coordinated Research Projects, 30 State Agricultural Universities and 1 Central Agricultural University for North Eastern Region is engaged in research in Crops, Horticulture Crops, Animal Sciences, Natural Resource Management, Agricultural Engineering and Fisheries. For development activities agriculture being the state subject. Department of Agriculture, Animal Husbandry in each state undertakes the developmental activities in agricultural sector. Central Government also provides support for the agricultural development programmes keeping in view the national priorities.

(b) Yes, Sir. The National Agricultural Policy envisages a 4 per cent growth for agriculture sector.

(c) The target of annual agriculture growth in excess of 4% as envisaged under National Agriculture Policy (NAP) is attainable. For attaining growth rate in excess of 4%, an investment (at 1993-94 prices) of the order of Rs. 29736 crore (by the end of the Tenth Five Year Plan i.e. 2006-07) will be required whereas during the Ninth Five Year Plan the allocations are to the extent of Rs. 9153 crores. For agricultural research and education the allocation for IX Plan period is Rs. 3376.95 crore whereas projection for the X Plan are to the tune of Rs. 6000 crore.

(d) In order to achieve 4 per cent growth, the National Agriculture Policy has placed greater emphasis on efficient use of resources and conservation of soil, water and bio-diversity. Growth with equity has been stressed, particularly growth which is wide spread across regions and categories of farmers. Diversification of agriculture, through emphasis on the horticulture, livestock and fisheries sectors has been given central importance in the development strategy.